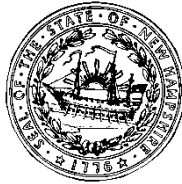


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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendents, School Principals, Special Education Directors and Assessment Coordinators

**FROM:** Dr. Scott Mantie, Administrator  
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**RE:** Assessment Memo 2014-2015

This memo includes information about New Hampshire's statewide assessment system for the 2014-15 school year. The system includes Smarter Balanced, NECAP Science, Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), NH Science Alternate Learning Portfolio's (ALPs), ACCESS for English language learners, and the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). The following are key changes in the assessment system for this year:

- The 2013-2014 was the last year for NECAP testing for mathematics, reading and writing.
- The Smarter Balanced Assessment for English language arts and mathematics will replace NECAP testing for mathematics, reading and writing in the spring of 2015.
- The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) alternate assessment system for English language arts and mathematics will replace the New Hampshire Alternate Learning Portfolio (NH ALPs) in English language arts and mathematics in the spring of 2015.
- The NECAP Science and NH Science ALPs will continue to be administered by Measured Progress in 2014-2015.

The table on page two provides an outline of important dates and implementation processes for the assessment system.

## 2014-2015 New Hampshire Assessment Testing Matrix

<i>Assessment</i>	<i>State Assessment</i>	<i>NECAP Science</i>	<i>Dynamic Learning Maps</i>	<i>NH ALPS Science</i>	<i>ACCESS</i>	<i>NAEP</i>
<b>Grade level</b>	Grade 3-8 and 11	Grade 4, 8, and 11	Grade 3-8 and 11	Grade 4, 8, and 11	PreK – Grade 12	Grades 4, 8 and 12
<b>Standards</b> <i>(English Language Arts, Mathematics, Writing, Science)</i>	ELA and Mathematics	Science	ELA and Mathematics	Science	English Language Proficiency	Mathematics, Reading and Science
<b>Student registration timeline</b>	TBA	February 23 – March 13 Data validation/revision window #2 (preparation for operational spring window)	February 23 – March 13 Data validation/revision window #2 (preparation for operational spring window)	March 1-31  (Additional Materials Window) April 27-May 14	Any ELL in any NH school as of February 1 <sup>st</sup> of the testing year	Student List Submission – October 6 – 31, 2014 Sample of Students Selected in December
<b>Testing window</b>	Window opens on March 16 and closes on June 5. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grades 3&amp;4: Weeks 1-6</li> <li>Grades 5&amp;6: Weeks 3-8</li> <li>Grades 7, 8, and 11: Weeks 5-12</li> </ul>	May 4 -28 (Pick-up May 29)	March 30 – May 15 <i>(revised 3/30/15)</i>	December 15, 2014 through May 15, 2015 (UPS pick-up: May 18)	January 5 – March 6	Jan 26 – Mar 6
<b>Scores available</b>	Late Summer 2015 (est.)	Mid-September 2015	July 15 (est.)	Mid-September 2015	Week of May 11 (est.)	State-level scores available Fall 2015
<b>State Approved Special Considerations (SASC) option?</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, ELL SASC forms on NH ACCESS website	Yes – Parent can submit to school opt-out request
<b>Vendor/Consortium</b>	Smarter Balanced TBA	Measured Progress	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	Measured Progress	WIDA <a href="http://www.wida.us">www.wida.us</a>	US Department of Education - NCES
<b>Training Information</b>	TBA	Measured Progress webinars	Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) website	Measured Progress Science ALPS Administration Webinar Trainings December 10 & 11, 2014	Training – Calendar on ACCESS website	N/A – Admin by NAEP Field Staff
<b>Paper/Pencil, computerized, video</b>	Computerized (paper/pencil offered but not encouraged during the first three years of implementation)	Paper/Pencil	Computerized	Portfolio and video	Paper & Pencil (Computerized in 2015-2016)	Paper/Pencil & computerized

## Helpful Contacts and Resources

### **New Hampshire Assessment System**

Contact: Dr. Scott Mantie at 271- or at [Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov)  
Website: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/index.htm>

### **Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium**

Contact: Dr. Scott Mantie at 271- or at [Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov)  
Websites: <http://www.education.nh.gov/spotlight/ccss/sbac.htm>  
<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/>

### **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment Consortium**

Contact: Dr. Scott Mantie at 603-271-3844 or at [Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov)  
Websites: [http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/alt\\_assess/index.htm](http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/alt_assess/index.htm)  
<http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>

### **NECAP Science**

Contact: Dr. Scott Mantie at 603-271-3844 or at [Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Scott.Mantie@doe.nh.gov)  
MP Service Center (1-877-632-7774)  
Websites: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/index.htm>  
<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/index.htm>  
<http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/necap/prep.htm>

### **NH Alternative Learning Portfolio – Science**

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Website: <http://www.measuredprogress.org/web/nhalps/home>

### **ACCESS for ELLs<sup>®</sup> English Language Proficiency Test**

Contact: Susan Morgan at 603-271-3719 or at [Susan.Morgan@doe.nh.gov](mailto:Susan.Morgan@doe.nh.gov)  
Website: <http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/assessment/ells.htm>

### **The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**

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<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html>  
<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/cal.html>

### **ACT**

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